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(MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) and (b) Expansion of New National Highways is a continuous process and is taken up from time to time keeping in view the traffic needs, *inter-se* priority of proposals received from various States and overall availability of funds on the criteria laid down for the purpose.

(b) No, sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Road Links for major ports

3771. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the action plans to link road network with the major ports;

(b) whether their feasibility study has been completed;

(c) the ports in Gujarat to be linked with road network; and

(d) the details of the consultancy assignment awarded/being awarded and further scheduling?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) Government has planned to develop road linkages to major Ports namely Kandla, Mumbai, Jawaharlal Nehru Port, Mormugao, New Mangalore, Cochin, Tuticorin, Chennai and Ennore, Visakhapatnam, Paradip, Haldia and Kolkata. The road linkages identified for development include stretches of National Highways as also State Roads. The details of stretches are given in the Statement. (*See below*)

(b) Feasibility studies for Haldia, Visakhapatnam, Chennai, Ennore, Mumbai and Jawaharlal Nehru Ports have been completed. Execution work related to improvement of road connectivity to Kandla and Mormugao Ports are under progress. Feasibility studies for rest of the ports are under progress.

(c) Improvement of road connectivity to Kandla Port in Gujarat is

being implemented by way of four laning of Samkhiali-Gandhidham section of NH-8A.

(d) Consultancy assignments for Feasibility studies and Detailed Engineering for development of adequate road connectivity to all the major Ports have been awarded.

Statement

Port Connectivity Projects

S.No.	Port	Likely stretch/stretches	Length in Km.
1	2	3	4
1.	Kolkata	NH-34 (from Barasat By pass to Calcutta Dock via Kamalgaji and Joka)	60
2.	Haldia	NH-41 (from Kolaghat on NH-6 to Haldia)	55
3.	Paradip	NH-5/SH-12 (from km. 0 to km 74)	74
4.	Vishakapatnam	State Road	2
5.	Chennai and Ennore	Chennai-Ennore Expressway	6
6.	Tuticorin	NH-7A (Tuticorin-Tirunelvalli section)	51
7.	Cochin	NH-47 (from km. 348/382 to km. 358/300 including 5 bridges)	10
		NH-47A (entire stretch)	8
8.	Mangalore	NH-17 (Kasargodu-Mangalore-Udupi section) & NH-48 (Mangalore-Bentwal section)	60
9.	Mormugao	NH-17B (from Port to Uerna Junction on NH-17)	18
10.	Jawahar Lal Nehru Port	NH-4 B (entire stretch)	26
		SH-54 (from km.5/000 to km. 13000)	8
		Amra marg	6

1	2	3	4
11.	Mumbai	NH-3 / NH-4	30
12.	Kandla	NH-8A Samkhiali Gandhidham	56

Implementation of Road Safety Guidelines

3772. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps are being taken by Government to implement the road safety guidelines issued by the Supreme Court of India for safety and security of the school going children "The future of the country"; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) and (b) Government of India have amended the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 in August, 2000 to bring the buses run by the Educational Institutions within the purview of the Act by requiring them to obtain permits. Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi have also notified guidelines *vide* their notification dated 22nd June, 1998.

Fund for development for SSI

†3773. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have established any fund at national level in order to provide loan to develop technology for extension and development of small industries in the country before announcing the removal of certain restrictions on imports; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.